# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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AGRICULTURAL INDEX
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether some norms have been fixed to assess the production by the farmers and their income on whose basis the progress and development of the agriculture sector can be estimated;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to create an agricultural index by taking some ideal year of production as the base year on the lines of sensex; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (d): No specific norm as such has been fixed to assess the production by the farmers and their income. However, an Index of Terms of Trade between Agricultural Sector and Non- Agricultural Sectors is constructed on an annual basis by measuring the ratio of the Index of prices received by the farmers for their produce to the Index of prices paid by them for the commodities purchased for final and intermediate consumption and capital formation. The ratio is multiplied by 100. The base year of the Index is triennium ending 1990-91. The Indices for the period 1981-82 to 1992-93 were published in the Report of the Task Force on Terms of Trade between Agricultural and Non- Agricultural sectors published in 1995. Indices up to 2003- 04 are available in Agricultural Statistics at a Glance 2005.